

# TIDYING UP WITH FRANK CASTLE

## —CHRISTUS VICTOR WEEK 19—

*Colossians 3:5-11 (NIV)*

(**Bold**=what we are commanded to do; *Italics*= reasons why we should do it)

I. \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>5</sup> **Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature:**

**sexual immorality,  
impurity,  
lust,  
evil desires  
and greed, which is idolatry.**

<sup>6</sup> *Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.*

<sup>7</sup> *You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.*

II. \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_ THE \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>8</sup> **But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these:**

**anger,  
rage,  
malice,  
slander,  
and filthy language from your lips.**

<sup>9</sup> **Do not lie to each other,**

*since you have taken off your old self with its practices*

<sup>10</sup> *and have put on the new self,*

*which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.*

<sup>11</sup> *Here there is no*

*Gentile or Jew,*

*circumcised or uncircumcised,*

*barbarian, Scythian,*

*slave or free,*

*but Christ is all, and is in all.*

## THE BOTTOM LINE(S)

**Continue to \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_  
with a disciplined \_\_\_\_\_ on what is \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.**

...by watching last week's message if you missed it.

...by memorizing Colossians 3:1-4.

...by believing what that passage says about you and Christ.

...by using that passage in the battle for your mind.

**Then allow your changed \_\_\_\_\_ to change your \_\_\_\_\_,  
taking \_\_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and disunity.**

...by (optional) memorizing Colossians 3:5-11

...by spending 30 minutes this week meditating on what this passage says about *why* we should eliminate these sins.

...by targeting one of these forbidden practices to eliminate.

### *Suggestions:*

1. Confess to God and another Christian your past guilt in this area. Renounce your guilt and sin out loud.
2. Pray daily that the Spirit will transform you in this matter.
3. Focus on changing your thinking in the battle for your mind.
4. Adopt some practical strategies to help you take drastic action.
5. Confess your failures daily. Refocus on the truth of you in Christ.
6. Think long-term; where do you want to be in six months?

